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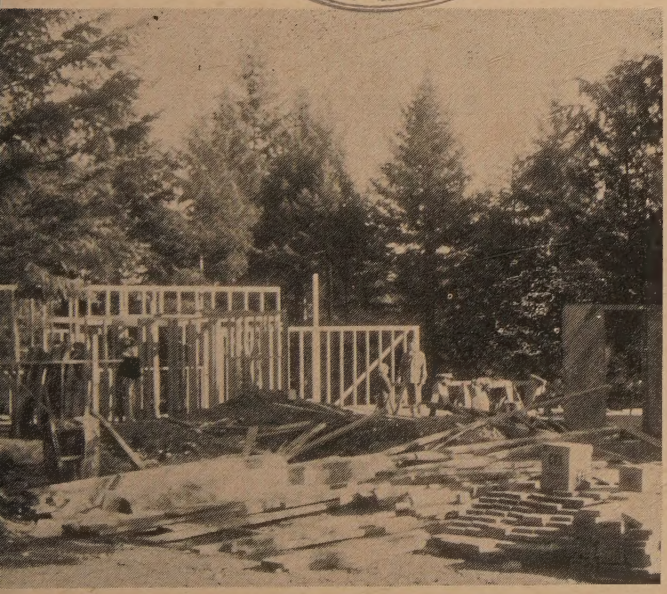

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LET US REJOICE

ARCHIE H. HOOK
Superintendent and Minister

Easter has always been a time for rejoicing. For the Christian it is a day which seals our faith—our belief that we have a Companion who is with us on every road of life—Jesus the Christ. 2,000 years ago two of Jesus' disciples walked down the roadway to Emmaus and talked with each other "about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them." When these same two disciples returned to Jerusalem they were filled with GREAT JOY and "were continually in the temple blessing God."

Just so the Resurrection can be applied to our daily affairs in a renewal of our faith and as a steppingstone to a new life and better world. The genius of our religion is that there is in it always the idea of a better tomorrow, with Jesus beckoning us on. Believing in him we rejoice that out of the old life can come a new; that out of the chaos and confusion of the times we can yet build a kingdom of love and peace. This is the heart of Christianity. Those who possess its faith are the light of the world.

In an almost unbelievable way the power and influence of Jesus were intensified by his death. In some strange way a new spiritual fellowship with God became apparent and following the resurrection the world witnessed a wonderful outburst of spiritual energy.

Through the centuries we see repeatedly that when men find God or are found of Him, they experience that "the joy of the Lord is your strength." We have no right to gloom—God rejoices, Christ is risen and we are made strong!

The Lord is risen! We know it true,
Since we, who cannot see him at our side,
Have as abundant proof as had the two
Who walked with him until eventide.
For we have witnessed fear-tormented men
Transformed, like Peter, to men who boldly dare
All things for Him, and women, now, as then,
Saved, even as Mary, from extreme despair.
No surer proof than this could anyone
Require. By every burden bravely borne,
By every selfless act of service done,
By every kindness in return for scorn,
By every swift response to human need
We know that Christ the Lord is risen indeed.

—Jane Merchant.

70TH ANNUAL MEETING

"Our Faith Faces New Dimensions" will be the appropriate theme f the 70th Annual Meeting of our Washington Conference as it convenes Walla Walla on May 6. Adventures into outer space have added new mensions to our experience in the physical world during the last ye They have also deeply affected the awareness of human relations and giv new urgency to spiritual concerns. While the Christian faith has nev known limitations of space or race, we who profess it have not alwa applied it to the frontiers of human experience.

Dr. Truman Douglass, Executive Vice-President of our Board of Home Missions, one of the outstanding church leaders of America, will help us face the new dimensions of our day and apply to them the Faith centered in Christ, who is adequate for every age and every dimension of life. The latest book by Dr. Douglass, "Why Go To Church?", was chosen last fall by the Religious Book of the Month Club for its September selection. His "Preaching and the New Reformation" was published in 1956. The son and grandson of Congregational ministers, he held pastorates in Congregational Christion churches until 1943 when he came to his present post in our fellowship. He is also a member of the General Board of the National Council of Churches.

Dr. Douglass will address the Conference on the opening afternoon and closing morning of the Conference as well as on Wednesday evening. Because of his recent searching article in "Advance" on church laymen as the greatest unused potential in Protestantism, the laymen are asking him also to address their luncheon meeting on Wednesday noon.

Unusual in the Conference pr gram will be the joint evening se sions in which both Congregatio Christians and Evangelical R formed Church members will sha The Pacific Northwest Synod of th denomination, now becoming wi us the United Church of Christ, being held in Walla Walla at t same time and both of the eveni sessions will be shared. On Tuesd evening Dr. John R. Haas, national known pastor and leader in t Evangelical and Reformed Chur and now in Evansville, Indiana, w be the speaker. On Wednesday eve ing, when Dr. Douglass speaks, Re August H. Elshoff of Oregon, Pa fic Northwest Synod President, w conduct the worship.

Women of the Conference w conduct their business meeting a elect new officers at the Women Luncheon on Wednesday and t "Work of the Women of T Church" will be dedicated th morning.

A feature of wide interest in t business sessions of the Conferen will be the changes in the Confe ence Constitution to be proposed a committee of the Board of D rectors. The committee has be

August H. Elshoff

Truman Douglass

Donald S. Lamka

Franklin R. Elliot

6-7-8 — WALLA WALLA

Moderator, Mrs. C. Gardner Shaw of Pullman, and the Rev. Bernard C. Herrick of ogg, Associate Moderator, talk over events of Annual Conference with Dr. Archie Hook, (left) Conference Minister and Superintendent at last year's meeting.

rking for a number of months and mitted its recommendations to meetings of the Board.

series of Round Table Discus- is which promises to be "differ- " is being planned by the Busi- s and Program Committee ded by Moderator Mrs. C. Gard- Shaw of Pullman, who will pre- at the Annual Meeting. A Com- nion Service conducted jointly by . Franklin Elliott of the host rch and Rev. Frederick Haag of local E. and R. Church will fea- the worship experience of the t joint evening meeting on Tues- .

caravan to the Marcus Whit- n Monument near Walla Walla highlight the Wednesday after- n hour following the Fellowship and a brief Memorial Service be held there to honor the pio- ring spiritual work of this early vant of God who came to this area under our American Board more than a hundred years ago.

An interesting "tour" of Church Extension projects (without leaving the building!) is being planned by the Committee which heads that strategic program in our Conference, and the Committee on Our Christian World Mission is presenting its concerns in dramatic "Spotlight Spot" fashion. Rev. Don Lamka, co-pastor of the Fauntleroy Church in Seattle, will be the Conference Chaplain.

The Walla Walla church members will provide overnight housing for all official delegates if such needs are made known to them before April 29th. All sessions of the Conference will be held in the Walla Walla Church with the exceptions of the Fellowship dinners and the Conference Banquet. The cost of the luncheons will be $1.25; the Fellowship Dinners $1.75 and the Conference Banquet $2.00.

No Congregational Christian Church member who is alert the spiritual opportunities and challenges of our day should s this year's Annual Meeting of the Conference.

OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

By
Mrs. W. C. Robinson

Do you know that you can be a part of our Christian World Mission?

You can take part in this far-reaching mission field, personalize the outreach of your church and help to carry Christianity into all the world through your support.

The American Board, which handles our overseas missions, is working in fourteen countries with 334 missionaries who guide some 14,000 national and native workers by giving them leadership and help to maintain over 800 schools, 26 social centers and 60 hospitals and dispensaries. Christian technicians are also furnished for medical, agricultural and industrial missions.

This helps to build a greater unity of Christian forces but if we are to follow our Master's command to "go ye into all the world", our outreach must be extended and intensified. Our missionaries and workers often find themselves with limited facilities, yet it is so simple to help them directly and personally.

How can you help? Obtain drug samples from your family doctor, secure unused medical instruments from him, tear old sheets into three-inch strips and roll them and mail to the Medical Section, American Board, 14 Beacon Street, Boston 8, Mass.

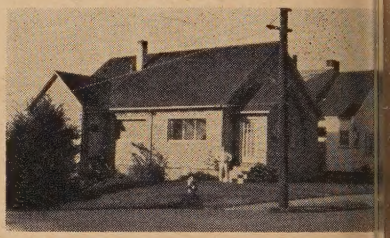
Crayons, notebooks, remnants, clothing and the pictures from religious or scenic Christmas cards can be mailed to the Service Committee, 110 E. 29th Street, New York 16, N. Y.

You can have a wonderful, personal part in this great world service by giving your support and your prayers. Freely we have received, let us freely give. As an instrument in God's hands, doing His work, we can help build a better world through the Christian World Mission.

ATTEND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Aberdeen Church To Move

A dream that has been nurtu for several years by the Aberd church was brought one step clo to fulfillment on February 16 wh the congregation voted to sell its year old building, erected in 1 when Aberdeen was only two ye old. The church expects to re-bu within the next few years in other section of the city which not now served by any of the est lished denominations. The pres church is soon to be razed and site converted to a parking lot.



The new Aberdeen parsonage

By co-incidence the same da February 16, had been previou chosen by the Women's Council the church to hold "open house" the parsonage which was acqui last summer—the first ever own by the Aberdeen congregation. Ma expressions of satisfaction we heard from the large number friends and members who visit during the afternoon and eveni Located at 1601 West Sixth St., t house has a fine view of the low city and harbor and is readily a cessible from the area in which t future church is to be situated. T Rev. Cyrus Gonigam is the minist

Danforth Foundation Award

The Rev. Ed Setchko, Camp Pastor at the University of Was ington, has been awarded a $50 fellowship for advanced study by t Danforth Foundation. He will att the University of California and t Pacific School of Religion where expects to complete his doctora Ed has been with our Pilgrim Cl at the University since 1954.

Plan OUR SUMMER

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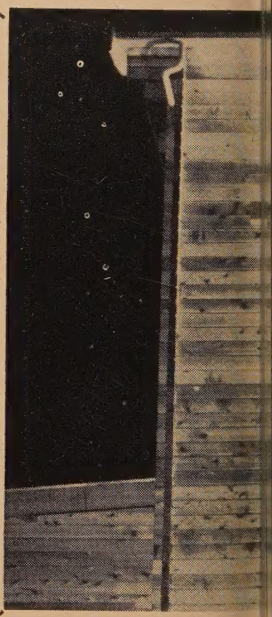

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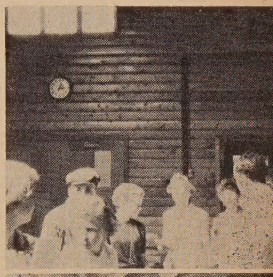

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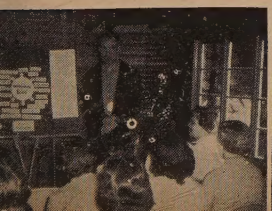


OUR PURPOSES . . .

Whereas the summer experience offers unique opportunities for C tian Education, it is important that it be considered an integral pa the total program of our churches; therefore, it shall be our purpos our summer camps and conferences to seek:

1. To awaken and deepen the Christian convictions and streng the spiritual life of each camper.
2. To help each camper grow in his ability to make an evaluatio his life today as a Christian.
3. To provide an experience of living in a Christian community.
4. To develop an awareness of the Mission of the Church, at h and worldwide, and to provide opportunities of sharing in program.
5. To train in skills for churchmanship and to develop Chris leadership.

COME TO CAMP!

FAMILY CAMPS

Total cost $50.00 plus insurance

June 30-July 7—Pilgrim Firs

August 11-18—N-Sid-Sen

August 25-Sept. 1—Pilgrim Firs

YOUTH CAMPS

Total cost $23.00 including registration

N-Sid-Sen

Senior High—July 14-21
7th and 8th—July 21-28
7th and 8th—July 28-Aug. 4
Freshman—Aug. 4-11

Pilgrim Firs

7th and 8th—July 7-14
Freshman—July 14-21
7th and 8th—July 21-28
Senior High—Aug. 4-11
Representative—Aug. 11-18
Senior High—Aug. 18-25

COLLEGE

$13.00

Sept. 2-6—Pilgrim Firs

WOMEN'S CAMP

$23.00

July 7-14—N-Sid-Sen

CHURCH SCHOOL WORKERS

$23.00

July 28-Aug. 4—Pilgrim Firs

"FOUR, TO GO!"

spring Schools of Churchmanet up by our Conference Lay- Fellowship are ready to re- reservations. Men will go to m Firs on April 19-20 and to -Sen on April 26-27. Letters gone out to key laymen and to ers (reservation card to min-) and printed programs will be early April.

Laymen At Fall Retreat

theme of each school will be Layman's Opportunity in His h". Keynote speakers will be s Gilliom (E and R) of Seattle Ken Lawson of Spokane. The ture of laymen's work in the rence will be reported on and ssed by a study committee d by Harold Herman. A group ssion on laymen's opportunities e spiritual life, service and sup- of the Church will take over day evening before the bull ns. In addition to the regular ay morning worship, led by n, there will be an hour on the en's opportunity in race rela- led by Carl Maxey, Spokane ney, and Lewis Watts of the le Urban League. The Schools djourn with Sunday dinner. increasing number of churches ending their laymen to these ilating schools of fellowship, cation and spiritual growth. e for the money ($4.50); Two, e show (Tops!); Three, to get (Reservations!); and Four, to (Fill the car)!

"Where Can I Stand?"

The two weekends immediately following Easter will be used for the Senior High Pilgrim Fellowship Conferences at Vancouver and Pasco, respectively. Almost 500 Senior Highs and their adult advisors are expected to attend these two meetings.

The Rev. Robert Albertson, Director of Religious Activities at the College of Puget Sound, will be the main speaker on the theme: "Where Can I Stand?" The chairmen for the conferences will be David Pistole of University Church and Ruth Matthews of Westminster. The conferences have been planned by the Conference Pilgrim Fellowship officers, Jean Kennan, Yakima, President. The total cost is $5.00

N-Sid-Sen Work Weekends In April

April 12-13 and 19-20 have been designated by the N-Sid-Sen Committee, Richard England, Chairman, as the first two weekends for special work at N-Sid-Sen. Under the direction of Charles Schmelzer, Westminster, and Galen Mott, Veradale, the camp will be officially prepared for the opening on April 26th and the Laymen's School of Churchmanship.

All Eastern Churches are urged to have at least one car load of men at the camp to carry out the much needed work to get the camp in shape. The committee chairman reports that both the north and south side of the lodge building have been sided and new windows installed, matching the work finished on the lake side and kitchen the past two years.

GENERAL COUNCIL
JUNE 24-30
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Planning Conference
May 19-21
PILGRIM FIRS

Minister's Home at Pilgrim Firs

Looking through bedroom area, across living room toward Lake view

Construction of the Minister-manager's home at Pilgrim Firs moves rapidly ahead each weekend under the direction of Lewis Steensland (Olivet Church) and his volunteer work crews. As of this writing in Mid-March, the side walls have all been raised, the main beams put in place and the roof nearly sheeted. By the end of the month the roof will be finished and interior finishing work begun.

The home, which is being constructed from conventional materials, is situated near the entrance to Pilgrim Firs and overlooking the north end of the lake. It will have three bedrooms, living-dining area, bath, kitchen, and utility room all on one level. As with all Pilgrim Firs construction, the work is being done by volunteer workers recruited from our Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed Churches.

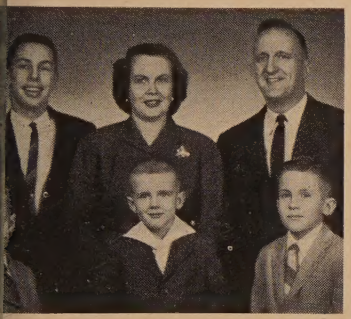
Werner Deitz is chairman of the Pilgrim Firs Construction Committee which has worked out the details for the construction of this home as well as the large water storage reservoir recently completed. The home will cost approximately $10,250 when completed. of the money to finance this c struction has come in specially d ignated gifts for this purpose. Women's Fellowship of the Conf ence has made this home their s cial project. Commitments or c receipts have underwritten all $2000 of the estimated cost. It hoped that by Annual Confere this amount will be received in s cial contributions. Checks can made payable to: Pilgrim Firs M ister's Home, Washington Cong gational Christian Conference, 14th North, Seattle 2, Washingt

The 18,000 gallon reservoir is comple except for roof.

le, University

sas Minister Accepts Call

Rev. Dale E. Turner of Ply- Church, Lawrence, Kansas, ccepted the call to be the Min- of University Congregational h, Seattle. Mr. Turner has in Lawrence since 1948 and the past ten years church ership has increased from six ed to over a thousand and n attendance doubled to an av- of over eight hundred. He is duate of West Virginia Wes- and Yale Divinity School, 1943.



The Turner Family

ile at Lawrence, he was invited ach a course on the "Life of t" at the University of Kansas, has been very well accepted. is a popular speaker with people of high school and col- age, as well as a very much t after preacher and speaker. Turners have four sons: Greg- 16, Charles, 8, Robert 6, and 4. Mrs. Turner is an accom- d musician—a singer and voice er. They will be coming to Uni- y Church about August 1st.

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tle, Fauntleroy

ster To Conduct European Tour

thirty-day tour of Western e is to be conducted during the of July, 1958, by the Rev. d S. Lamka, pastor at our leroy Congregational Church, le. The tour will visit eleven ries: England, Wales, Scotland, any, Switzerland, Lichtenstein, Austria, Italy, Monaco, France, and Belgium, ending at the Brussels World Fair.

"The primary purpose of the tour," Lamka explained, "is to put a major emphasis on building an affectionate acquaintance with Great Britain, in which both our American democracy and our Congregational faith were nurtured." To this end eleven days will be spent on an itinerary through the United Kingdom personally drawn by Mr. Lamka.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamka lived four and a half years in Great Britain as members of the Congregational Union of England and Wales.

The tour is planned through Mary Worth Travel Service, WEst 5-7900.

Travel from New York the week of June 29 to July 5, return New York the week of July 28 to Aug. 3. Via TWA to and from. Travel by land in motorcoach except train from Nice to Paris. Cost—$1,250.00, inclusive of 1st class Hotel, meals, "all-in" expenses. Tour limit is 30.

Seattle, Keystone Building Drive Held

On Sunday, March 9, seventeen teams of "key men" in Keystone Church, Seattle, began a calling program to cover the entire membership in a project that includes the building of a new sanctuary and the remodeling of the present structure into an educational unit. A total of $29,000 was secured in cash and pledges on that first day of calling, with a large percentage of calls still to be made.

Under the leadership of Glenn Battson a committee of the church made a thorough study of needs and resources, and tentative building plans were drawn up by the architectural firm of Durham, Anderson, Freed and Associates. The building program includes moving the present parsonage or purchasing a new one to make room for sanctuary construction.

Former Dean Edward H. Lauer, layman, is interim minister of Keystone Church and the training of calling teams was under the direction of Jackson E. Smith, Associate Superintendent of the Conference.

Tuition Scholarship Offered For Graduate Study In Theology Or Religious Education

"Because of the need of the Church to have adequately trained leaders and to provide an incentive for promising young people to enter into full-time religious work . . . the establishment of a Scholarship Fund was thought to be of inestimable value"—so reads the purpose of the Emma Frater Scholarship Fund established by the Women's League of the University Congregational Church.

The scholarships provide the first year's tuition at a graduate center of learning in the field of Theology or Religious Education. Applications from students who are either members of Pilgrim Club, the Congregational student religious group at the University of Washington, or of the University Congregational Church are considered first. However, if there are no candidates from either of these groups—as is the case for the coming year—then candidates are sought from among the larger fellowship of the Congregational Christian Churches. Last year's scholarship winner was Leroy Calbom, former U. S. F. state president from West Seattle. He is now studying at Pacific School of Religion.

Any young person who meets the basic requirements of having "received a B. A. or equivalent degree and been accepted in an accredited Graduate School of Theology" and of needing such financial aid may apply for the Scholarship by contacting the Reverend Ed S. Setchko at Pilgrim Club, 1514 East 45th Street, Seattle 5—LA. 3-6765. The deadline for receiving applications for this year is April 15th.

It is the hope of the Scholarship Committee that the readers of Congregational Way will see that this Committee is made known to all possible candidates.

Rev. William W. Zabel

In January of this year, Rev. William L. Zabel, for many years an active minister in this Confere passed away at the age of 72.

Mr. Zabel graduated from Naj ville College, later receiving Masters degree and B. D. from University of Chicago. Follow graduation he served churches f short time north of Chicago, c ing to the Northwest later where served a number of our churches

Since retiring from the minis Mr. and Mrs. Zabel were faith members of Westminister Chu Spokane. A memorial service conducted by Dr. Hahn on Janu 15.

He is survived by his wife, a Carl, and a daughter, Mrs. Art Siewert.

Evangelism Committee Visiti

The Conference Evangelism Co mittee has undertaken a private itation mission to our churches t year with the express purposes (1) Acquainting themselves with dividual local congregations a their concerns, and (2) Discover where ways can open for sis churches or brother ministers to g assistance in developing the p grams of outreach and witness the local church. Twenty such vis have been made, with the visit being well received everywhere a **enthusiastically** received in ma places. In virtually every situati the chance for a local church Boa of Deacons or Committee on Eva gelism to sit down and share plans and problems has added n strength and deeper determinati to the church's mission.

Plans for Visitation Missions Spiritual Life Preaching Missio have been made. In the case of so of our smaller churches away fr the urban centers the visits ha helped bind the churches closer the larger fellowship. The tiny Co ference Committee of five membe hopes to continue these "visits of i terest and help" throughout the mainder of the year, and membe are always anxious for the invit tion to sit down at any time with local Board, Committee, or minist to discuss the strengthening of o evangelism outreach.

le Alki Minister Installed

Seattle Association met Sun- February 23, to install the Rev. rt Dimock as pastor of the Congregational Church. Fol- the afternoon examination cted by Moderator Rev. Ben ord, a fellowship dinner was in the church Social Hall and 0 in the evening a service of ip completed the formal in- ion.

. Dr. Martin Goslin preached e theme "One mind in many Others assisted in the service lows:

. Dr. Roland Schlueter gave ll to worship.

. Ernest Yarrow read the ure lesson.

Archie Hook lead the congre- in the covenant of dedication.

. Merlin Norris offered the r of installation.

. Herbert Dimock gave the iction.

Rev. Orien S. Barnum

ongregational minister of long ng, passed away at his home elan, Washington, on January 58, following a brief illness.

Barnum, who was born May 6, in Chico, California, was ated from the San Anselmo ogical Seminary in San Fran- in 1896. Just a year prior to eath he was the oldest living us of his class.

ing his forty years in the min- he served pastorates in Cali- , Idaho and Washington, being f the pioneer ministers in the chee area.

is survived by his wife, Grace, vo married daughters.

owing his retirement Mr. Bar- and his wife graciously re- their friends in their home in n. On visiting them one came richer and with a new vision Christian heritage.

Hockinson Congregational unity Church has called the Frank LeLacheur as its new er. Mr. LeLacheur succeeds ev. George Nelson who moved van last fall.

Inquirer's Class at Fauntleroy

Forty-nine new members were received into the fellowship of the Fauntleroy Church at the February Communion Service, only nineteen of them having had any church connection recent enough to be admitted by Letter of Transfer. This membership class were the first graduates of a new training program called the "Inquirer's Class". The Class meets for four ninety-minute sessions with one of the ministers, at the end of which they record their decision regarding membership in the Church. The curriculum of the class is built around the **Manual for New Members,** and augmented with other printed and audio-visual materials. Teaching is done by discussions and lectures, the latter built around a series of charts on the Christian Church developed by the Ministers. In the four sessions the class studies: "Our Basic Faith"; "Highlights in Church History"; "Our Personal Responsibility"; and the "Fauntleroy Church Story". More than fifty persons attended each session of the course, which will be offered three times each year for the training of both new and old members for the Christian life and service.

FLASH

The order for Pilgrim Firs' Cabins eight, nine and ten has been placed with the Pan-Abode Company today. The purchase of the first two of these cabins has been made possible by memorial gifts from E. H. Stuart of the Carnation Church and Frank Jackson of University Church. The materials for the tenth cabin are a gift from the Pan-Abode company and a part of our original contract. To completely furnish these cabins, as well as to bring the water and electric lines to them, will cost an additional $4000. It is hoped that special gifts will make possible their completion for use this summer.

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